THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The UPSC was requested *vide* Department of Personnel and Training letter dated 25th July, 2005 to reconsider its decision and hold the LDCE for the year 2005. The UPSC has reiterated its earlier stand of not holding the LDCE 2005. Matter is still under discussion with UPSC.

Anti-corruption drive by CVC

985. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Vigilance Commission has sought statutory powers from the Union Government to expedite the anti-corruption drive at high places and suggested creation of a "black brigade" to seize black money till the pendency of judicial process;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering such request of CVC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) As per the information provided by the Central Vigilance Commission, it has not sought any statutory powers for creation of Black Brigade.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Compensatory holidays

986. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in European countries people get compensatory holiday if a national holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday but in India national holidays are not compensated;

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to give compensatory holiday to Government employees if a national holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?